

Summer Programs

At the Visitor Center - June 3 to August 26

Daily at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30
Harpers Ferry Today A 10 minute orientation talk. Find out what to do in the park today.

Daily at 1:00 Training Ground, Battle Ground and Staging Ground Discover untold Civil War stories of victory and defeat at Bolivar Heights.

Lower Town Programs: June 11-Aug. 18	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Harpers Ferry: A Place in History-Explore the diverse history that made Harpers Ferry famous.	12:00	12:00	12:00	12:00	12:00	1:00	12:00
C&O Canal Walk with a Park Ranger						12:00	
John Brown’s Raid-Uncover John Brown’s plan to start a war on slavery.				2:00	2:00	2:00	
Guns of Harpers Ferry-Learn how interchangeable weapons and innovative technology altered warfare.	2:00						2:00
Under Fire-Hear the stories of war that changed the lives of both soldier and civilian.	3:00			3:00	3:00	3:00	3:00

Family & Youth Programs - June 15-Aug. 15
Sign up at the Lower Town Information Center.

A Soldier Story, Age 8 and up Youth are enlisted in the infantry and learn about soldier life.				12:30			
Under Fire, Age 5 and up Youth role play dilemmas faced by families who lived here during the Civil War.					12:30		
Journey to Freedom, Age 5 to 10 Explore trunks from the past.						12:30	
Incident At Harpers Ferry, Age 8 and up Youth learn about The John Brown Raid through interactive learning.							12:30

June 7, 2007

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Schedule of Events 2007

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



We invite you to experience our special programs throughout the year. These family events relate the natural and cultural history of the area and give accounts of the men and women whose contributions made Harpers Ferry a significant place in our nation’s heritage.

The 2007 Schedule of Events is made possible through the efforts of the park staff, NPS volunteers, living history groups and the Harpers Ferry Historical Association. We would like to thank these groups and individuals for assisting the park staff in sharing the many compelling stories of Harpers Ferry.

For information call 304-535-6029 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/hafe

JUNE

June 2 National Trails Day Join Harpers Ferry Park and partners for our annual National Trails Day events, America’s largest annual single-day trails and outdoor celebration.

June 23 Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862 Artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson’s capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Visitors are invited to witness the power of artillery that sealed the fate of the federal soldiers. Programs at 12 and 2 pm.

June 30 America’s Picnic: Celebrating The Glorious Fourth A special living history program on how the 4th was celebrated in America. Experience the patriotic passion of a traditional hometown band concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band, the Regimental Band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

June 30 6:00 p.m. The Sixth Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert will be held on the grounds of Mather Training Center, former Storer College Campus. This is a free concert featuring special guests, Curtis Fuller, John Handy and the Howard Burns Quartet.

JULY

July 1 Ices, Creamed Ice, and Custards Workshop Ice Cream Making and Molding Workshop at Roeder’s Confectionery. Observers welcomed. Call the living history offices at 304-535-6063 to register. Pre-registration ends June 29. Workshop limited to 20 people. Fee: \$5.00 per person.

July 7-8 Supplied for Survival: Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry Visitors are invited to follow in the footsteps of Lewis as he prepared for his transcontinental expedition. Enjoy special exhibits and tours, family and youth activities.

July 14-15 Giving Aid and Comfort: Medical and Relief Work during the Civil War Living history volunteers Frederick Ladies and 20th Maine portray the medical and relief efforts that provided aid and comfort to the soldiers fighting during the Civil War.

July 14 White Lye. . .Soap!: The Truth about Lye Soap Join the laundresses and make your own soap at Mrs. Stipes Boarding House. Workshop registration is limited to 10. Fee: \$5.00 per person covers materials and instruction. Observers welcomed. Call the living history offices at 304-535-6063 to register. Pre-registration ends July 13.

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July 28 1:00 p.m. This Scene is Worth a Voyage Across the Atlantic with Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson (Lower Town)
3:00 p.m. The Object of Your Mission: Thomas Jefferson and the Lewis and Clark Expedition with Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson (Lower Town)

AUGUST

August 4-5 I Will Follow Them To the Death: Sheridan’s Soldiers 1864 Members of the reactivated living history group 11th New Jersey will demonstrate union army garrison duties and maintaining military security in an occupied enemy town.

August 11-12 A Soldier’s City: Harpers Ferry 1864 Living history volunteers of the 142nd Pennsylvania will interpret the Union occupation of Harpers Ferry during the summer of 1864. Ranger guided historic weapons, drill and firing demonstrations will be featured.

August 25-26 Who Built America? Labor Day Program. Join the living history volunteers of the Frederick Ladies Relief Society for demonstrations and talks that feature the types of employ - ment held by Harpers Ferry’s mid nineteenth century citizens.

August 26 Niagara Movement Pilgrimage to John Brown’s Fort Retrace the 1906 footsteps of the men and women of Niagara during this commemorative walk to the site of John Brown’s Fort in 1906. A 10:00 a.m. memorial service will follow at the Curtis Freewill Baptist Church.

SEPTEMBER

September 1-2 The Eyes of the Army: The Cavalry Living History volunteers will demonstrate cavalry riding, weapons firing, sabre drill, and bugling.

September 1 U. S. Marine Band “Free Country” will perform on the grounds of Mather Training Center (former Storer campus) on Camp Hill from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

September 8-9 Miners and Sappers: The US Engineer Corps Visitors are invited to try their skill at using a civil war map and compass to traverse the town that was held by a Dixon Miles’ union garrison and assemble Chevaux- DeFrise defenses made by the engineers against cavalry attacks.

September 15 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Presenting Mr. Frederick Douglass with Fred Morsell as Frederick Douglass (Lower Town)

September 29 National Public Lands Day

OCTOBER

October 6 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry with Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln (Lower Town)

October 13 After John Brown: Reacting to the Raid Living History Event that features how the citizens, area Militia and US Marines reacted to the raid.

October 20-21 Luxury or Necessity: Victorian Preserved Foods Join the living history staff and volunteers at Roeder’s Confectionery as they demonstrate the differences between tin can and glass preserved foods. Visitors are invited to examine Victorian food preservation methods and containers.

October 27-28 Family Life 1860 in Harpers Ferry: The Frederick Roeder Story Help the Living History staff and volunteers, crush, shred, and squeeze apple cider for Roeder’s Tavern while hearing about the family’s life and times. Each day a special talk and cider making demonstration will be presented at the Tavern.

NOVEMBER

November 3-4 Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862 will interpret the battle and surrender of the Union garrison to General Stonewall Jackson. Union encampment and drills.

DECEMBER

December 1-2 Prospects of Peace: A Soldier’s Prayer presents a special program focusing on Yuletide 1864 when Harpers Ferry soldiers attempted to create their own version of Christmas on the battle front. Programs and activities will feature local citizens and soldiers preparing for the Yuletide, a Civil War style Santa Claus dispersing presents to the soldiers, a Victorian Cotillion, Yuletide confections, and special guided walking tours.